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REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No. 1081.1055 Application Number 08/932,427 Filing Date September 17, 1997 First Named Yoshio KITAMURA Inventor Group Art Unit 2188

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

420.00

Examiner Name

Portka, G.

FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)							
CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	, ,	est Number ously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Ca	alculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	10	-	20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	7	-	7 =	0	X \$ 86.00 =		0.00
Since an Officia	al Action set an orio	inal due	date of Dec	ember 11, 2003	B. petition is		420.00

hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months

If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$330.00)

If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)

Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)

Total of above Calculations = 420.00

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- (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".
- (4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".
- (5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

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	Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
	No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

METHOD OF PAYMENT

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit M any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:

Deposit Account No.

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Deposit Account Name

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The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under X 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g.,

continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP							
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the Application of:

Yoshio KITAMURA

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Group Art Unit: 2188

Confirmation No. 5306

Filed: September 17, 1997

Examiner: Portka, G.

For: RAID APPARATUS AND ACCESS CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR WHICH

BALANCES THE USE OF THE DISK UNITS (AS AMENDED)

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on December 11, 2003. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 11, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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